



ST. JOHNS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 25, 2023

Present:

Joe Parker, Supervisor
Chuck Owen, Supervisor
Bucky Sykes, Supervisor
D.L. Barnes, Supervisor
Evan Wilson, Supervisor
Chris Kelcourse, Sunshine Organics and Compost
Gina Allen, Secretary

Allen called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes from the previous minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report approved for the amount as 12/30/22- \$6,312.65.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reschedule Soil Presentation by IFAS agent Prissy Fletcher.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers: A motion was made by Wilson to elect Owen chairman of the board. Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Barnes to elect Parker vice chairman of the board. Sykes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous. Supervisor Handbooks were handed out to each Supervisor.

NACD Dues: A motion was made by Parker to pay \$250.00 to NACD. Sykes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
AFCD Dues: A motion was made by Parker to pay \$350.00 to AFCD. Sykes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

AFCD Annual Meeting: AFCD Annual Meeting will be held at the Hotel Indigo, February 6-8, in Gainesville, Florida. Registration is due by Friday, January 27th.

Future Goals and Projects: Drainage problems in the Hastings area were discussed. Clearing debris in Deep Creek was discussed. Owen suggested sending a drone down deep creek to see how much debris is blocking the creek. Wilson will find out the cost of the drone service. Owen suggested inviting Greg Caldwell of St. Johns County Road and Bridge department to the next board meeting to discuss drainage problems in the farming community.

Chris Kelcourse of Sunshine Organics and Compost was introduced to the Board. Brochures were handed out to each Supervisor for viewing. Sunshine Organics and Compost collect food, agricultural and forestry waste then process it into compost and biochar. Kelcourse offered a tour of the facility located in Jacksonville. Owen suggested Kelcourse be a guest speaker at a North Florida Growers Association meeting to introduce the products to the farming community. Wilson will contact Ben Wells to set up the invite.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT: Yesmarie Chaparro-Feneque-See Report

OPEN FLOOR:

ADJOURNMENT: There was no other discussion meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. Next Board meeting scheduled for February 23, 2023.